shep, one running across the shop, and another part of the way across the shop; the carridges were filled by four little boys; some of the hands were packfilled by four little beys, some of the hands were packing up and some of them greesing the carridges
four were employed in packing, the boys employed in
filling were at the castend of the shop, working on the
cutside bench, the powder for filling was placed in woodendrawers; these same boys retilled the drawers when
empty; the powder was taken at that time from the said
shop, the persons working in the shop were permitted to
enter the shop and work with their ordinary shaes on
I was in the shop about helf an hour previous to the explotion; the hands were then at dinner; I was not at the lws in the shop about hair an hour previous to the explosion, the hands were then at dinner; I was not at the shop when the hands returned, there is a regulation probabing smoking, or the use of matches; I was in the casting shop at the time of the explosion this shop is about 15 yards east of the shop in which the exclosion took place; there was no wall between the casting and the other shep; there was a store margazine west of the shop explosed there are about 2.0 and carridges put up in boxes in the magazine, the explosion took place while I was in the casting-shop; I first knew of the occurrence by being summed, and finding the shop in which I was cashed and inlown in when f recovered my senses I discovered the bedies and the extent of the disaster. Andrew dearney was the first person I saw alive. I saw others but their names do not occur to me; there was no meaninderstanding between me and my hands. I am not aware that any malice existed between us. I do not receible their geautioned, nor having had my attention drawn to the danger of the stove standing in the shop; the bodies were removed by their friends; one was taken to New York City for medical care.

BYA JURGE Ellen McD maid and Euron McLoim were the parties who locked to the care of the shop. I passed by the shop two or three minutes before the explosion took place; Miss McDonaid was in the shop at the time, the powder was kept in keys under the bench, we need about four kegs a day, there were about twenty kees in the shop, together with shoul 75,000 to 100,000 cartridges, in consequence of the merczine being tull; if the boxes were to take fire the cartridges would not all explode, as several boxes which did not are on the ground now we have boards called racks, the cartridges were placed in holes filled, then pashed to others, who closed them and then pasked them up.

Basey W. French sworm, deposes. Reside in Ravenswood with my father, the previous witness: I have lived
in Ravenswood about four years, but not quite, my basi
ness is to superintend the persons who lay on the paper to
the balls, for the making of cartridgen; there was an explision of one of our shops on Saturday, the 18th of Jan, at
about 20 minutes past one; I was in my shop at that time,
it is situated about 200 or 250 yards off from the one blown
up; I don't remember being there since very early is the
morning; I passed by, about 20 fee distant at disner
time; I did step in before I had my dinner, and asked the
gills if they would have a slide; they had then just quit
work; I did not notice the stove in particular; I suppose
there was fire in the stove; everything in the shop
was in its ordinary condition, to the hest of my belief;
there were from 18 to 18 in that shop that day. I suppose
the list already given to be correct; I took a find with
them after dinner; none of the boys was filled
cartridges were with me; all the names I have
heard read were employed in the shop, there was
ene Christopher Carey, employed outside the shop,
Andrew Carnly was inside the shop at the time of the explosion, I saw him. [The following diagram of the premises was
here shown; the witness said, it was a faithful representation.] packed them up.

HENRY W. FRESCH sworn, deposes - Reside in Rayeus

Carpenter shop. Foundery. Pence. A large Fence. Magazine.

ASTORIA TURNPIKE

We barnt coal in the stove, there was nothing between the stove and the floor, the legs of the stove were about four inches in hight. I do not know of nor have ever seen any of the persons smoke; Ellen McDonabl and Mary Milcolm had the mangement of that shop of my father's. any of the persons smoke; Ellen McDonald and Mary Melcolm had the mangement of that shop of my father's; I made the fire that evening, and in the absence of my father Ellen McDonald had charge of the stove; I do not know where the kegs of powder were kept; I do not work there; the shop floor was clean when I made the fire that morning; I saw those that were with me on the pond go beward the shop. I did not see any person or persons smoking in going from the pond to the shop.

BY TER JURY—I have seen the stove nearly fred hot: I never saw any of the boys throw payder on the stove, they

never saw any of the boys throw powder on the stove—they dare not do it: Miss McDonald was about 20 years old; we considered her the most careful and prudent of women, dare not do it. Miss McDonald was about 20 years old; we considered her the most careful and prudent of women, and never saw anything to shake that opinion; she would not allow any of the boys to go near to the stove; my father gave strict orders that Miss Malcolm and Ellen McDonald should be careful: I have informed my father that In two instances I found pieces of matches in the powder. I consider every precantion was taken by my father, Miss Malcolm and Ellen McDonald for the safety of those who worked in that shop; the magnaine is about 28 or 30 feet from the shop.

Here the deposition of Autom Corner was a six in only

from the shop, the magazine is about 28 or 30 feet. Here the deposition of Andrew Carney was put in evi-dence, but not read.

The Inquest then adjourned to 2 o'clock P M. During the interval the vicinity of the Court House was throughd with parties attracted by the horrible event, and the evidence already adduced was food for general comment.

At 2] o'clock in the afternoon- the time to which the investigation was adjourned—the large court room was thronged to its utmost capacity with people whose faces betrayed much anxiety. The investigation ceeded with immediately at the appointed time in consequence of the absence of Mr. French, whom the Coroner desired to put upon the stand again. After the lapse of about half an hour. Mr. French not making his appearance, there began to be some manifestations of impatience among certain portions of the crowd. Finally, a man stepped from

this portions of the crowd. Finally, a man stepped from
the crowd, and, addressing blinself to Justice Boyd, said.
"With all due deference to your Honor, I would like to
know if this is not mockery of justice that M. Fronch is
allowed to remain so long away, keeping this large esemblage in waiting? It is a shame; and if Mr. Fronch
were a poor man, like myself, it would not be permitted.

Justice Boyd informed the gentleman that the investiga-

been duly swern, the inquiry into the deaths of Ann Burns.
May Hagee, Gerge Marsoin, Mary Malcolm, John C'Brien, John Devney, James Conneily, John E'ley, Ellen McDevald, Manthaw Hand, James Foley, Emma Ryan, and Henry Brey, was commenced by the examination of the owner of the manufactory.

Examination of the owner of

where in the vicinity.

By Jerour—A. There is very little powder jkept in the shop where I work. I worked in the shop where the explosion took place about ten days, when I first went to work for Mr. French could not say how many kegs of powder were used in the shop during that time; do not know where the bulk of the powder was kept. Mr. French's son has often told me to be cautious and take read care of the short during his absence. I was negatived. French a son has often fold me to be calcious for take good care of the shep during his absence. I was acquainted with Ellen McDenald during the time that I worked in the

Some of the Jury Book of the parents like to be hard. No. six, he did not.

Y. Grang a swore, says—I reside with Mrs. Mayors, soria; I was employed by Mr. French; I worked in No. 3; have worked there upward of three months ked in the shop No. 1 a few days. I worked near the nut made paper boxes for the cartridges, there was saving of cartridges at that time; the store, at that was in nearly the same place that it was when the ing blow or. I was in that shop five minutes before it blow or. I was in that shop five minutes before the hough of the hough y stored were shilling on the pond; then who we many persons were shilling on the pond; then who we many persons were shilling on the pond; then who we many persons were shilling on the pond; then who we many persons were sholling on the pond; then who we many persons were shilling on the pond; then who we many persons were sholling on the pond; the other shop. there is no powder used there I know of; I do not know that there was say; if follow of indically establing between Mr. French and the persons that were remplayed in the other shop. Mr. Henry French came looked into our shop between it and it oclosk yester he went from there to the pond; I was in our shop he item of the explosion; I fell down off the stove in the other shop. I was in the re, the floor appeared to be in those in each shop; that is the way that the work well as a reighbor of three or four years and have not there is a cleck in each shop; that is the way that was in the re, the floor appeared to be not the foundery. I we sthere at the stove in p. No. I when I was in the re, the floor appeared to be not the foundery. I we sthere at the stove in the foundery. I we sthere at the stove in the foundery. I we sthere at the stove in the foundery. I we sthere at the store in the foundery of the parents like to be hard.

All is work for Mr. French: my business was casting in the foundery. I we sthere at the stove in the other ends was about which coanting a store in the foundery. I was not the shop that and slide on the pend!

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Ex Junest—There was very little fire in the stove in

This wishe time.

Particle M. Donald, sworn, says—I reside at Ravens wast. I work for Mr. French: my business was casting belle in the foundery. I was there at the time of the explosion. Indiguate commenced work. I was in the shop that was shown up about 10 o'clock that day. I saw the stove and hench: I do not know whether there was fire in the giver er not: it was not red hot. I saw George Malcom at the beach greesing balls: I did not see the lampander the beach it was common for powder to be laving on the top of this beach. I have seen a pound or two there at a time: it comes there from the bureling open of the cartridges! I did not see the law who how how many were at work there that day, the boys who fill the certifices have a measure which they dip down into a drawer, close by them for powder; the drawer is made of wood; do not know who farnished the boys with powder when the drawer became empty; I have seen Elles McDauld do it there is often powder scattered on the floor; the persons who worked in the shop were in the habit of coming in and walking over this powder with maddy shoes, without wiping or saraping them at the door; there was no rag at the door; before the explosion I heard Mr. French whistle for the boys to come to work; after the explosion Mr. French impediout of the window in the foundery; I ran to the remains and first picked up the body of a man when I think was Smith. I next picked up Matthew Ryan, whose clothes were on fire, and I tried to put them out. Ryan's brother came and helped me carry him up into the tida hittle way, where we put out the fire of his clother. Mr. French as far as I know, has always been careful in his shop; have heard him giving orders to his men to be careful; Ellen McDonald had charge of the careful in his shop; have heard him giving orders to his men to be careful. Ellen McDonald had charge of the chan during his absence; the was nearly 21 years of age: shep during his absence; the was nearly 21 years of age; the used to furnish those who worked in the shop with material.

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By Junor.—I was in the habit of going into shop No. 1. I never saw the boys shake their agrons over the stove, have seen them put a grain of pewder on their thumbs and flip it on the stove, do not know whether they ever did it in the presence of my siater or not, do not know whether Mr. French was ever informed of this or not, when Mr. French brought up powder from the dock he put it in the magazine. I have not been in the magazine since New Years; never was in those but once since I have been at work for Mr. F. I saw loose powder all around on the benches in the shop on the day of the explosion; from I to 3 ibs perhaps; there were three drawers, holding each a keg of pow er; the boys that need to fill entiridges were Jas. Ryan, Jas. Gorniby and Jas. Downing, the powder that was put in the magazine on the first of dimeasy came from the dock; it did not quite fill up the magazine; there was no powder in the magazine before that came; the kegs will hold about 25 pounds each eight kegs were put into the magazine at that time; I heard Mr. French say that it was also believed that was burned in the lamp; the lamp was made of tin and would hold about one pint; it only had one wick in it, and that was a very large one, which made an ordinary sized blaze.

James Latontax sworn: I live in 8 Shoethers Row, with Jehn Ellis. I have wasked for Mr. French until yesterday. I was working at shop No. 2, on the Dutch Kilns road. I stopped working on Friday week, in shop No. 1.

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Jakes Latonians worm: I live in Schneiders Row, with John Ellis. I have wasked for Mr. French until yesterday; I was working at shop No. 2, on the Dutch Kilns road. I stopped working on Friday week. In shop No. 1. I there conclines greased, and at other times packed. I worked over the lamp, with George Malcelon, the bouch was about 4 feet from the stove; the beach, the top basin for grensing was fixed in the top of the bench, the top basin contained the grease, and one under it the lamp; the lamp was a small one, in which alcohol was burned; the wick was pretily large, and came up some to heat the grease. Mr. French would not allow us to fell the lamp; he did it himself; he would put the lamp into the basin, take a match and strike it on the inside of the besin, and then light the lamp. I have seen alout helf a pound of powder on the floor, but if was soon swept up; no powder could get into the basin which centained the lamp; about fourteen or fifteen worked in the shop; I saw Mr. French sliding on the pond; he then went to his chop; I never saw any of the powder stowed away, except what was in the drawers from which the cartridges were filled, never saw any of the powder stowed away, except what was in the drawers from which the cartridges were filled, never saw any of the powder on the stove; I was in the shop No. 2 when the explosion took place; I saw Mr. Casey and then Mr. French: he McDonald get it I have seen a little powder scattered round in filling but not usually; I have never seen matches in the kegs of powder, nor have I seen the boys flash powder on the stove; I was in the shop No. 2 when the explosion took place; I saw Mr. Casey and then Mr. French: both were going over to the shop that was blown up; myself and a number of other boys went down to Green Point, as we were afraid that the magazine would explode.

Hixay French recalled.—Cross examined by a Juror. I was in the shop blown up yesterday for mothing can get into the nunder forsin;

to bet think there were 10 or 15 kegs of powder in the sho, that biew up vesterday.

Cross seamined by Mr. Bray, father of one of the boys killed.—We paid the boys weekly until last Monday, when it was not convenient so to do, we did not introl to close our business for three or four weeks yet; there is plenty of teem for the powder to be carried into the shop from the negating, without coming into contact with the stove; I e without coming into contact with the stove; I father on the bank; he whistled for the boys to go work; he did not motion them to go toward the

shep.
Concorn said he would here put in the saidavit of ASDERV CASSIT, he went to him last evening in com-pany with Dr. Sandbord, and found him perfectly rational; he said be could give me the facts although he was unable to write his name;

some some ten er fifteen minutes more delay—Mr. French their gabs nt—the following witness was called Eliza Devise, being sworn, says—I reside in the village of Astoria, I was forewomen of one of the French these points were the work on the last the state of the work on the last the state of the work on the last the state of the principle of th

"the powels on the book of the decision when I afterwards as he received to be decising, although when I afterwards as he of him how he felt he said he "was in great pain, but "not frightened at tribes."

In a fine on Harter, sweeth — Deposes, I reside in Astoric, where I am a practicing physician: I arrived at Mr. French's building at 15 or 50 minutes past I; I first aw Dr. Sanford in the basement of Mr. French's house, and saw there a person canced Smith, where limbs were fractured; I side not examine him closely as Dr. Sanford had examined him previously, but I saw his legs were broken and his free shatered. I then went to young Carney who was up salar. If and he had a wound in the right side, near the epine, as I indeed from the air which issued in breathing. his face was also shattered and covered with clotted blood, his left thigh had a wound about two inches large on leaving there, at the request of the Catholie Friest, whited a boy named Ryon. I found him much injured, his face lacerated, and a wound in the lower part of the abdomen, and right thigh and side, he was in great pain, some temporary dreadings were applied, and on a subsequent visit I bernad that he died about fifteen minutes after I had he him, young Carney I saw again this morning, laboring under great difficulty of breaking at the request of the parents, I visited him and foundit to inches deep penetrating the right lung from which har was still bealing. I consider most unconsider from the explosion of the parents, I probed the wound, and foundit to inches deep penetrating the right lung from which har was still healing. I consider most unconsidered from the explosion of the parents, I probed the wound. ord care of the shop during his absence. I was negationed that Eleo McDonald during the time that I worked in the boy which was blown up.

Et Ma. Brant - Q. Did Mr. French ack you to come and side on the pond?

A. No sir, he did not.

Mr. Brant - I have a boy who can tell some of the Day who can tell some of the Day.

der, I went towards it. The first tiling I saw on entering the loss were the bodies of two or threa individuals. I then, in company with others, continued until evening to gather, up the remains and put them into line barrels which I sent men for. There is the body of one person left, [Crossexamined by a Juror.] I did not know there was an an article in the whop known as fusee. I saw something that locked like it yesterday, but I found that it was not. Lest it with my halfs to ree if it was fonce and remarked that if it was such it was cause and remarked that if it was such it was citizen and the latest that it found it was either leather or india rabbber, we there.

The Coroner here told the Jary that the evidence was

Concern's CHARGE - The testimony is now closed. It is customary for the Jury to view the premises and the dead hodies, but in this case it is hardly feasible. However, I leave it to yourselves, and you can do as you like. Perhaps is would be well that you should do it before giving your verdies. It is useless for me to recapitulate the evidence. You all know what it is In making up your verdict let me enforce upon your minds that you are acting for the people of the State, and to you they look for a revelation of the facts, in connection with this lamentable occurrence. If you find that there is any one deserving of censure, apply the same with judgment, but without fear. If there is blame attaching to any one, it is your duty to make it known. You will now retire to a private room, in company with the conficer, and hold your deliberation. In the meanwhile of their homes—all these made up a congregation highly if you should desire any assistance or information from me I shall be in readiness and cheerfully give it.

The Jury here retired to consider their verdict. The Coroner desired to know if the friends of deceased would agree to bury the remains in one common grave. If so he would take the necessary steps for the performance of this last duty. He desired an answer as early as possible, as the funerals need to take place at 3 P. M. to day

Subsequently the Jury sent in a notice to the effect that they would be ready to render their verdict at the Coroner's Office at 2 o'clock A. M. to day

BILLS OF MORTALITY.

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This report shows a very large decrease from the 509 of previous week. Small Pox goes down from 42 to 56; con sumption from 62 to 55; measles from 21 to 11. There were 272 under 10 this week, against 327 iast-a decrease

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The entire number of deaths for the week last year was 2013 increase in 1854, 79, or 20 per cent. increase of popu-

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The increased mortality among children has been 1853s. 1854.

are 14 over 70 this year, against 4 last.

MORE DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.

CONFLAGRATIONS IN THE FIRST AND SIXTH WARDS. NEARLY A BLOCK DESTROYED. LOSS \$200,000.

A Hundred Poor Families in the Streets.

A HUNDRED MECHANICS OUT OF WORK THE FIRE IN CONTRE-STREET.

THE FIRE IN PEARL-STREET. LOSSES AND INSURANCES.

INCIDENTS.

Saturday night was the coldest known in this City during the present season. The sky was clear, and the little air stirring came from the Northward, keen and cutting as a blast from the Polar Sea. Every one having occasion to be abroad was muffled up like a member of the Kane Expedition-expect those wretches whom poverty or crime, or both, had sent forth in summer rags to beg. steal, and freeze through the long pight. It was a night to dread and to expect the outbreak of the Demon of Fire, such a night as that of Decomber 16, 1835, when the Fiend cume forth to a revel of destruction unequaled since the Burning of Moscow.

At 11; o'clock on Saturday night the Hall bell tolled its warning-the demon had broken his bounds; a donse smoke, followed suddenly by a glare of flame, came up from the neighborhood of Centre and Duane sts, and before the first round of seven strokes had ceased, a hundred hungry and temerates tengues of tire were during like lightning from the doors and windows of the Cotumbian Foundry and Machine Factory in Dunnest, near Centre. This foundry was in the center of a block of oil; wooden houses, densely populated, and a painful panic among the residents brosimultaneously with the fire. At that hour most of the inhalitants were in bed. Roused by the noise, and scalar the terrific glare pouring like noon-day sunlight into their windows, each naturally believed their own house to be in flames, and so zing the r clothes and the nearest mayable

In a brief space of time the over ready firemen were on hand and heartily at work. The water that flewed into the street was almost immediately frozen, and it was with great difficulty that people could keep their feet. On the awning pests and fronts of the houses, long iddee and thick cakes were formed from the water which was thrown upon the fire. The nun at work at the engines were exceed in ice so that it was with considerable difficulty that they could walk. The front wall of the foundry is now covered with a perfect plate of the from one to three inches thick although the inside and the windows and ensuge in the same wall were all barned out

The crowd assembled at the fire was a fit subject for the most graphic description. The houseless wretches flying half naked from their burning homes; in one place a weman and two children brought out as they tald in bed. and so lying for an bour in a nook behind the steps of a house in Elm st., the brawny firemen, batting the ground with the fiend meh by lach, glistening in the scaly armer which their tutelar Saint Croton had encased them; the squalld creatures, all rags and filth, who came up from Cow Bay, and Robbers' Alley, and Misery Lane, glad of any chance to warm their almost frozen limbs, and giaring upon the flames with a half smile of loy to think that oth ers were being rendered as wretched as they, the scores of thieves and pickpockets, who sought this as they do every similar occasion- to plunder the sufferers: the latest strag glers of Broadway-not a few of whom were so drunk that the slippery streets were too much for perpendicular potion these, with hendreds from the theaters which had just closed, hundreds of residents in the neighborhood, and the half clad women and children who had been driven forth by the fire, huddled in door ways in Pearlet, watch ing with appious faces and shivering forms the design tion picture que and instructive. The strong light from the fire illuminated the streets in every direction, and made the whole neighborhood as bright as mid day.

The Old Dence house on Centre st.-a famous resort for young fellows about town and the free and easy of the other sex whose leve for the dance was an uncon rolled passion, and whose highest state of development a emed to be the Check Apron Ball, was burned next after the foundry. While it was all in a sheet of flame, the foundry wall came down, crushing the remains of the old barrack into the earth, and putting an end to the fire in that direction. The light was now suddenly quenched; the grateful heat withdrawn, and the "churlish chiding of the winter's wind

seen turned the motley crowd honfeward. A scene of the same painful nature, though of less ex tent, occurred two hours afterward, in Pearl st, near the

Battery-which we did not see. conflogrations :

On saturday night our City was visited by another for rible conflagration, which destroyed over \$150,000 worth of them all to the City Prison. property. About 111 o'clock a fire was desovered in the engine room of the extensive iron foundry buildings Nos. & Co. and others. The buildings No. 43, 45 and 47 were of brick and four stories high, while Nos 49, 51 and 53 were of iron, one story in highth and covered with a wood and tin roof. The foundry buildings extended back 150 feet from Duane st. forming a square with a spacious yard in the center. The engine room was located in the rear of No. 43, and was below the ground. Several of the weekmen were about the foundry at the time, and immediately set to work to extinguish the flames. In this they partially sucreded getting the fire under two or three times, but the flames auddenly burst out in a new place, when the workmen became discouraged. The alorm was then given, and in a short time the fire

companies of the district were on the ground. In consequerce of the large amount of inflammable material about the premises the flames spread with great rapidity, and about 12 o'clock the interior of the brick buildings was a mass of fire, all efforts of the firemen to save this portion of the foundery or its contents proving useless. The fires communicated to the wooden roof of the iron buildings. but it was extinguished by the firemen. ELM STREET.

A large five-story brick building in the rear of No 23 Elm st., occupied by James Lynch, brass founder; William Mcore, brass finisher: Mr. Burnet, fancy clock case maker, and Mr Buhler, fancy clock case maker, also took fire. This building adjoined the rear of the foundry, and, being filled with considerable combustible matter, was soon in tiames. Several streams of water were brought to bear upon the flames at this point, but the efforts of the firemen were futile. The building was completely gutted, nothing but the bare walls being left standing.

The buildings frouting on this street, in the vicinity of the re, being of wood, were in great danger of taking fire, but s the exertions of the firemen, who kept constant streems of water pouring over them, they were saved from injury. There buildings were occupied by poor families, among whom the greatest consternation prevailed. Fearing that their habitations would be destroyed, they moved their furniture. &c., into the street, but in so doing sustained considerable damage by water. PEARL ST

The following buildings on this street, between Elm and Center-sts, took fire, but despite the exercions of the firemen stationed here, they were partially destroyed

No. 525, (brick) occupied on the first floor by Mr. Albus, boot maker, second floor by J. Hatry, gold and silver smith and book-clasp maker-nearly destroyed. No. 513, occupied by Albert Doog, German apothecary.

No 521, upper part occupied by Richard Seely, pumpmaker-lower part as a milhnery shop. No. 519, (brick) occupied on the first floor by James

Donald as an oil and camphene store-upper part as a dwelling by Andrew Wood and Mr. Denald, and meir fami-No. 517 (brick) owned by Robert Boyd and occupied by

George Stone as a tavern, known as the Mistletoe Bough. No 515, owned and occupied on the first floor by Mr. Boyd as a confectionary abop, and Dr. Preterre, draggist -- upper part as a dwelling by same persons.

The old tachloned brick house corner of Penrl and Con-The old sach and the increase for two is no. There terries, lever part occupied as a grocery by A. Bobie, upper part as a dwelling.
The terror the beliefus above mentioned, on Pourlot,

- more bern in this country, rejecting the year of the 6 andry buildings and those band. instantices show no furtures | logs were so much distance i by fire and water as no read w these eliment unfil for preupancy."

CENTRE STREET.

The upper portion of the brick building No. 47 Control st, occupied by Paul Heary as a porter house and dwelling. was considerably damaged.

The fiames communicated to the range of dilapidated two story frame shantles Nos. 39, 41, 43, 45, lower parts occapied by Paniel Luny, second-hand clothler. Patrick Heray, porter house. Widow Herne, crockery store. Mrs. boot and shoe store, second story as a ball room by Mr. Pairck Garrick. These shanties being very old and dry were seen converted into a heap of ashes

The Sixth Ward Hotel, a large three story brick building, on the corner of Centre and Duane sts., was on fire several times, but owing to the exertions of the firemen no mate-

rial demage was done.

No 37, occupied by L. S. Gerrit, watch maker, was greatly demaged by water. LOSSES AND INSURANCES.

The loss of Mesers. Peter Morris & Co. cannot at pres-

ent be estimated. The firm had the most extensive assort ment of wheel patterns in the United States, all of which were destroyed. These patterns, which were an accumulation of ver diffy years, cost upward of \$150,000. A large amount of machinery, in a finished and unfaished state was destroyed. Among the finished muchinery were two hoisting engines, werth \$1,000 each Two oscillating engines, worth in their unfinished state at the time of the fire, \$200 each, were also last. The machinery, lathes, &c. belonging to the foundry were entirely destroyed. This frm succeeded Robert McQueen who built the place up. The Columbian Foundry has been in opperation over the years, and was one of the oldest catablishments in the City of the land. Messes Morris & Co., were insured in the fol-

lowing Companies #2.50 Pacific 2.50 2.50 North Western 1.500 5.00 St. Marks 3.000 2.50 American 3.700 news at 35.5 Test
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The insurance is divided up about as follows:
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The third floor of the foundry buildings were on upled by Meers Turner Lane & Morris, glass-cutters. This firm estimate ther less at from \$12,000 to \$15,000. The machinery for cutting glass, consisting of imported stone, t is difficult to replace, was destroyed. This firm is insured as follows

curied by Mr. E. D. Brant, manufacturer of clocks: Mr. B. estimates has loss at about \$10,000; insured \$2,000 in the Northwestern Insurance Company, \$1,000 in the Stuyvernat Insurance Company: \$1,000 in the People's Insurance Company of Kingstein and \$1,000 in another Company.

Loss of James Lynch shout \$1,000 in mored \$1,700 in the
Commercial Insurance Company. Mr. Lynch only a few
days age, pur hased \$1,000 worth of Austrian copper coin,
but fortunately they were not injured, being in the collar.

Loss of Win, Moore about \$1,500, insured.

Loss of Mr. Durnet, \$1,000; no insurance. Loss of Mr. Muhler, \$1,000; fully insured. Loss of Mr Albus, \$200. No insurance. Loss of J. Hatry, \$1,000. Partially insured. Lers of Richard Society, \$200. No insurance. Leas of A. Holde, 2000. Insured \$1,000.

Loss of George Stone, on stock, familiare, &c., 6000 sured \$800 in the Bowery Insurance Co.

Lors of Dr. Pretere about \$100. Insured \$1,000. The buildings No., 517 and 515 Pearlist, owned by Mr. Robert Boyd, were damaged to the amount of about \$600 each, Imused for \$2,000 in the Grocers Insurance Co. Mr. Robert Boyd sustained a loss of \$500 on stock &c. No instruce Mr James Donald's loss is about \$700. Insured \$1,000

a the Mutual Insurance Co of Albany.
Mr Lauf Henry et make d'a loss of about \$1,700 Insured. \$1.0 in the Breedwey Insurance Co.

Patrick Henry just about \$300 Insured \$300 in the Breadway Insuran a Co.

Mr. Pairlek Gerrick sustained a love of about \$2,000. In-

sured \$1,500 in the Leri land lunur mee Co.

The losses of the decupants of the shantees was about

No insurance. The loss falls heaviest upon the many poor families who were rendered homeless, besides having lost very nearly all the r household goods. Many of the families realding in

the vicinity of the configration fled from their dwellings, at the deed horr of night, with the thermometer ranging at sixteen degrees above zero. The atmosphere was intensely cold and the wind blew with such force as to carry the burning cinders and sporter a distance of several blacks. Centre et from Chambers et to Pearlet, and the oth streets about the fire, were filled with ice : several of the hydrants were frezen up, and the hose became so stiff that it could not be used. The firemen are deserving of great ere dit for their uncensing exertions, until the fire was so far subdued that no danger was to be apprehended

While the fire was raging on Saturday night, in Duane, Centre and Pearl ets. a large number of young thioves collected there to practice their profession. The police were on the look out for them, and before daylight captured Our reporters furnish the following particulars of these about fifteen, whom they caught in the set of stealing clothing and such other movables as they found exposed. They were taken before Justice Ozborne, who committed

ANOTHER LARGE PIRE.

FIFTY FOOR FAMILIES TO ESED INTO THE STREET.

At 21 o'clock A. M. yesterday, while the above conflagration was raging, another fire broke out in the large brick and frame building, No. 14 Pear et., occupied by Francis Honely, as a livery stable. The firemen, who were engaged at the other fire, did not arrive on the ground until the stable was entirely destroyed. There were about sixteen horses in the stable at the time but they werb all got out by Lt. Soodgrass, of the First Ward Police, and they were under his command. The fire soon communicated to the adjoining brick front dwelling houses, Nos. 10 and 12, owned by Mrs. See'ey, and occupied by a number of poor families. The firemen got to work within a few inhutes after their arrival, but held a they could subdue the flames, the upper stories of these buildings were destroyed. The police and firemen exerted themselves very hard to save the furniture and clothing of the poor people who were driven forth into the atrect.

The Pattery was strewn with furniture and household articles, among which women and children were lying in the greatest distress. The air was been and the wind as it blow m the north was plercing in the extreme, and calculated to make even the most hardy person shudder.

Lt. Stredgrave broke open the store No. 5 Pearl st., which

was unoccupied and put all the families who had been turned out by the fire, therein. Fires were kindled in the steves and the unfortunate persons rendered as comfortable The less on the stable is about \$2,500. Loss on buildings

Nes. 10 and 12, about \$2,000. Insured.

STILL ANOTHER FIRE

About of o clock yesterday morning a fire occurred in the mentilla store of Molyneaux Bell, No. 58 Canal st, but by the timely arrival of the fremen it was soon extin-The fire is supposed to have been the work of me miscreant who entered the premises through the rear of the store. Damage slight. The loss is fully covered by ir smance. Several alarms of fire were sounded during yesterday by

the City Hell and other heils, but they proved to be false. FIRES SATURDAY MORNING.

About twenty minutes past three o'clock on Saturday morning, a fire boke out in the porter house No. 9

Emex et , occupied by George Debold. The building and stock was nearly destroyed. Mr. Debold was insured for \$400 in the Broadway Insurance Company. The fire com-municated to the roof of the adjoining building, No. 11, which was burned off before the firemen could extinguish the flames. Charles Wochale, tinman, living in the basement of No. 11 dad his stock much damaged by water, insured for \$600 in the Mohawk Valley Insurance Company. The building was not insured. The origin of the fire could not be ascertained. About 11 o'clock on Saturday morning a fire broke out

the old frame building No. 38 Bridgest, occupied by Mr. Barney as a storage place for oldrage, junk, &c. The firemen soon extinguished the flames. Damage chiefly by

FIRE IN BROOKLYN. About to look yesterday morning a fire was discovered

breaking out of the lower part of a house on the corner of Forgen and Courtets, which it was found had originated in the many drawer—the place being occupied as a porter house. The drawer contained a how of buildy matches,

WINTER WEATHER IN NEW-YORK.

ICE IN THE DAY AND RIVERS—ITS REFERED UPON NATION. TION-PERSET SOATS EXTANDED-SHIPPING DAMAGED.

The " cold spell" of the past two days has caused the apcumulation of large fields of lee in both the East and North Rivers, which has somewhat seriously imposed navigation. and numerous accidents have occurred by which vessels were disabled, and especially the boxes of the different Perries on the East River. The cbb tide which prevailed suring yesterday, tegether with a strong wind from a north weaterly direction, impelled the great body of floating lee to ward the Long Island shere, and along the river front of South Breoklyn it extended from one to the farry boats into the stream, rendering the progress of the farry boats into the stream. The ice exceeds by difficult, and at three even hexardous. Their in the Bay is also very heavy, aithough the boats plying from the Battery to Staten Island continued their trips with usual regularity until evening, when it was found expedient to suspend operations. The six o clock book come-quently, did not have her site.

THE FERRITE OF THE NORTH RIVER.

In the North River there was considerable i.e. but the bests managed excellently retwithstanding. The Jersey City Ferry, from the foot of Courslanding.

continued their trips uninterruptedly during the day.
The same was the case with the Barday at Firms Hoboken, elibough the trips were somewhat lengthened On Setunday the ice was very heavy on the Jersy 64.

and the beat. Chanceller remained looked between heavy beds for the space of two and schall looms. She was finely extricated in a disabled sendition, and was laid up for a pairs. Three beats continued their trips yesterday as

The beats of the Christopher st. Ferry were drawn off in the morning, but the boats of the Canal st. Ferry continued regularly during the day and evening.

THE PERRIES ON THE EAST RIVER. The less was more serjously soil on the east, than on the nor haide of the City, and with two exceptions, caused damage to some of the boats of every ferry in communica

tion with the cities on the opposite above. The Grandet and Division av. Ferry continued their trips as reval, not being as much incommoded with the lee as done extending from that point to the Battery.

The beats of the Cathar ne Ferry ran with regularity, but lengthered trips, until noon when an accident to the rulder pin of one of the beam caused a suspension for about an bour, after which operations were resumed and continued in ternal. Some fores were our trained that the flood ade which commenced flowing at dark would cause diffically during the evening.

The slip at the foot of Government theing under process.

of repairing, operations are suspended for the present. The Receivalt et Ferry met with no serious obstacles until evening, when the Os rey and Eagle were disabled and yokes. One boat, the Curlew, continued her trips during

the evening:

The Peck slip Ferry beat Oncots sustained an injury about contact and was drawn off. The Onalusia weathered the about without damage and kept up the communica-The beats of the Fase: Ferry r in with usual regularity

but lengthered trips. No a wide at occurred here up to 10 The Wallet. Ferry house looked dark are dismal last night. Math house had been tabling in course a sec of lam-nges area and by the sec. The Marropolis had be readler spit on recordary night, and the Exchange met with a simo'clock in the evening the diester pesterday morning. There was no communi-

cat on by this ferry from 10 o'clock A M. Crowds of peo is the quainted with the circumstances assembled on the Breekly u s de durit of the morning hours. The South Percy best Transit had her radder yoke spraymed to as to render her withdrawal necessary about 6 clock I M , and the Wyan lank continued running

The Humaion av Norry boat Montank was hid up some hours of the day but resumed her trips in the afternoon, having stammed but slight damage.

DAMAGE TO THE SHIPPING. Large quantities of drift ice made its appearance in the bay and rivers, and in a measure obstructed navigation and

did some damage to the delpping.
The chipper back Grape shot Parker, bound to Melbourne Ametrick a. and anchored in the East River, was cut through by the i.e. She was then to ded to the west side of Fulton Ferry pier, Brooklyn, where she suck.

The beig Lamartine, Blake, for Aspinwall, also lying in the East River, lost both anchors, and was towed to the where by steaming Levisthan. A fore and aft schooner, same onknown, drifted from her

and berejo in the North River, opposite pier No. 1, and west ashore on Badfoo's Island, where she with flex.

THE WEATHER IN BOSTON.
BOSTOS, Jan. 20, 1954.

This morning, in State st, at 7 o'clock, the thermometer tood at feur degrees below zero, on the Mill Dam, at tea clew, and at the same point on the Cunard Wharf; at Less Loston, there has been but little variation from those points during the day, which has been the coldest of the scason. All the ferry beats are delayed by floating ice, large fields of which impede the navigation of the harbor.

MARINE AFFAIRS. RETURN OF THE ALABAMA. The steamship Alabama

equived last night from her search for the San Francisco. She mot with no remarkable adventures. On the 17th she was boarded by a boat from the sloop of war Decator, also in search of the San Francisco. ARRIVAL OF THE OHIO - The U.S. Mail steamer Ohio, con Aspinwall, 18th inst., arrived yesterday.

NEW CLEVER.- The Ocean Herald, a fine new elipper of 2,000 tuns, arrived yesterday. She is owned by Spofford & Tileson, and will go into the Liverpool trade under commend of Capt. Cother.

THE let - In another column will be found an account of demage to shipping yesterday by the ice. SALTING OR THE WARRINGTON .- The United States Mail steamer Washington, Capt. Fitch, sailed at 12 o'clock Sat-

urday, for Bremen via Southampton. She carried a full freight, among which was \$150,000 in specie. SHIP EMPIRE ASHORE AND OFF AGAIN-The packet ship Empire, hence for Liverpool, returned to port on Saturday marring, in a leaky condition. She came to the City and anchored in the North River, and while two steamers were towing her to the Atlantic dock, Brooklyn, went senere on Governor's Island. She was got off at high

water without material damage. TOTAL WRECK OF THE CLIPPER SHIP MERMAID-WO learn that intelligence was brought to this City by the stenier Atlantic, of the foundaring of the clippership Mermald on the Irish coast. She was on a voyage from Liverpool to Philadelphia. The accounts my that she was etally lost, together with a valuable energo. No particulars of the dieser, however, have yet been received.

PROPERTER CURLEW -This from steamer, owned by E4ware Conard, has been undergoing repairs and alterations at the Belance Dock. She recently went ashere at Rome Shoels, and was haulid up to ascertain if she was damaged n the built. As she is built of iron plates, no material a ury was suctained by her thumping upon the shoul. Her owner has decided to enlarge her accommodations for passengers, and the carpenters have commenced building additional borths. She will be in complete order for her next trip to Bernauda and St. Thomas on the 7th of Pebruary, when seventy persons can be provided with comfortable quarters on board. Capt. Sampson will command the

Sevene Wrather,—The steamer Niagara, Captain Leitch, from Liverpool, which arrived here on Wednesday, was covered with ice up to the leading tracks for ward. She must have experienced very severe westher, for her figure head, part of her outwater, and a 5 her head rails were washed away, leaving her smack smooth about the bown but so thoroughly is she built that not even a seem of her planking appears to have been affected. Her commander, Capt. Leitch, is one of the most able and accomplished saliers of the County line, and is highly effected by all who have the honor of his acquire attack. Like the other captains of the line, he has worked his way up step by step, to his present partion. In command with he unmarous friends, we wish him continued success in his leborious and honorante profusion. [Best. Aclas.] SEVERE WESTHER,-The steamer Niagara, Captain

CREW OF THE SIRESTONE - The Beltish schooner Allog

The San Francisco Territorial, in Portes.—The Countries of the merchants of Boston, and intelligence curve rate appropriate the subscriptions for the San Francisco testing than the mark their sports. The following it their reports